

# **2013–2014 Hunting Proclamation**

## **Southern Ute Indian Reservation**

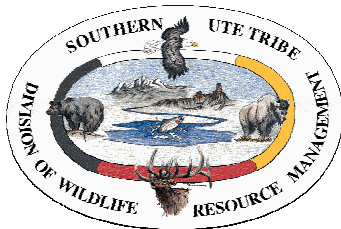
*Includes information on:*

- Season dates and bag limits
- Tagging and validation requirements
- Mountain lion hunting quotas and hunt areas



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## **Hunt Date Summary**

	<b><u>Pick-up</u></b>	<b><u>Season Dates</u></b>
<b>Deer and Elk</b>		
Early Archery	Aug.12	Aug.31– Sept.13
General	Aug.12	Sept.14 – Dec. 31
January Cow Elk		Jan. 11 – 19, 2014
**Limited**		
<b>Upland Game</b>		
Birds	Aug.12	Sept.1 – Dec. 31
<b>Migratory Game</b>		
Birds (doves)	Aug.12	Sept.1 – Nov. 10
<b>Mountain Lion</b>	Sept. 30	Nov.1, 2013– August 17, 2014
<b>Spring Turkey</b>	April 1	April 13 – May 26
<b>Small Game</b>	Anytime	Calendar Year
<b>Fall Turkey</b>		
Early Archery	Aug.12	Aug.31– Sept.13
General	Aug.12	Sept. 14 - Dec. 31
<b>Waterfowl</b>	Aug. 12	Sept 1, 2013 – Jan 26, 2014

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## **Updates and Reminders for 2013-2014**

### **Chronic Wasting Disease Testing**

CWD testing will **not** be a regular part of the Wildlife Division's validation process for the 2013/14 hunting seasons. The Division has been testing for CWD continuously for the past eleven seasons and has not detected a single case of this disease. A tribal member hunter can request CWD testing on their deer or elk if they like and the Division will collect samples and send them out for analysis.

### **Extended Mountain Lion Hunting Season**

Traditionally the mountain lion season has spanned the fall and spring of a particular year. In an effort to increase opportunity for tribal members to hunt and harvest mountain lions, the season has been extended to include the summer months. Rules and regulations, bag limits and quotas remain the same for hunting lions as in previous years.

### **Guiding and Outfitting**

Guides and outfitters must be permitted by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management before operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. To obtain a guiding and outfitting permit or to acquire a list of permitted guides and outfitters, contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

### **Carrying a Tribal I.D. while in the Field**

To assist the Tribal Rangers it is a good idea to carry your tribal I.D. while hunting on the reservation. Simply carrying your I.D. will immediately identify you as a Tribal member, who with the proper permits is legal to be hunting on the reservation. Contact time will be somewhat longer if you do not carry your tribal I.D.



## **HUNTING PERMITS**

### **Southern Ute Tribal Members**

The following conditions must be met to obtain Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting permits:

1. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member 12 years old or older and be able to present an enrollment card at the time permits are picked up.
2. Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.
3. Issued permits must be signed by the applicant.
4. Mail-out permits will be provided to non-resident Tribal Members only after receiving a letter including the Tribal Member's name, date of birth, copies of their enrollment card and hunter safety education card (if applicable), and a list of permits desired. Permits will not be valid until signed by the applicant.

### **Duplicate Permits**

Lost or destroyed hunting permits will be replaced by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management for a cost of **\$5.00 per permit.**

### **New Address / Telephone Number / Driver's License Information**

If you held a previous year's hunting permit and your home address, telephone number, or driver's license information has changed, you are required to provide the new information to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management.



## **Legal Weapons**

Legal weapons for **mule deer, elk and mountain lion** shall include:

- 1) Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug;
- 2) Any bow with at least 40 pounds of draw weight. Hunting arrows must include a broadhead with an outside cutting diameter of at least 7/8 of an inch with at least 2 blades. Each cutting edge must be within the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface. Unless specifically approved by the Management Division, crossbows are illegal during the early archery season;
- 3) Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, and a minimum draw length of 14 inches from the front of the bow to the nocking point of the drawstring. A positive mechanical safety device is required. Bolts must be a minimum of 16 inches long, having a broadhead a minimum of 7/8 inch wide and a minimum of 2 cutting blades. Cutting edges of broadheads must be in the same plane for the entire length of the cutting surface.
- 4) Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk;
- 5) .357 magnum or larger handguns with a barrel length of 6 inches or longer, using .357 magnum or larger caliber ammunition with soft nose or hollow point bullets;
- 6) Center-fire rifles or center-fire handguns chambered for a center-fired cartridge, a minimum of .23 caliber. No fully automatic firearm may be used. All bullets must be soft nose or hollow pointed and not weigh more than 350 grains.

Legal weapons for **turkey** shall include:

- 1) Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns except .410 gauge; bow and arrow, crossbow; rifles and handguns, center-fired cartridges only; and Muzzleloading rifles and handguns;

Legal weapons for **waterfowl** shall include:

- 1) Any shotgun 10 gauge or smaller and not capable of holding more than 3 shotshells in the chamber and magazine combined. Shotshells must not contain lead pellets.

Legal weapons for **small game** (including upland birds) shall include:

- 1) Any rimfire or center-fire rifle or handgun, any shotgun, any bow and arrow or crossbow.

## **HUNTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

### **Hunter Safety Requirements**

All hunters under the age of 21 years must have successfully completed a hunter safety education course prior to issuance of permits. Hunters under age 21 must present their hunter safety education card to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management when acquiring permits and must carry the card with them while hunting. The DWRM offers hunter education classes twice per year. Please contact the office for more information.

### **Hunters Under Age 18**

Hunters under 18 years of age may hunt regulated species only when accompanied by an adult.

## **DESIGNATED HUNTING**

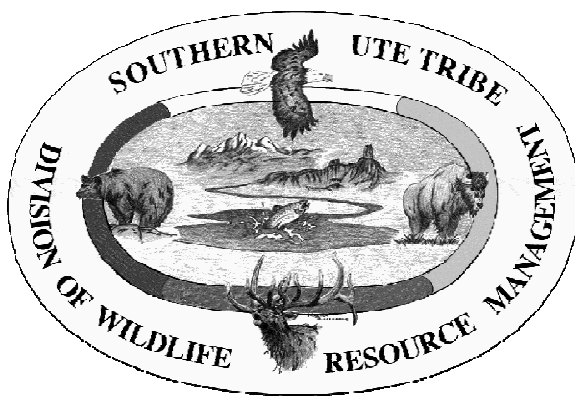
### **Designating Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members**

Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members over the age of 12 may designate another enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member who meets the hunting permit eligibility requirements to hunt for them during the regular hunting season. Southern Ute Tribal Members who wish to designate another Southern Ute Tribal Member must pick up and sign their own permits, and the Division of Wildlife Resource Management will place the name of the designated hunter on permits at that time.

**Designated hunters will only be allowed to harvest female deer and elk, or turkey of either sex during the general fall Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting season.** Designated hunters will not be allowed for any other form of hunting.

### **Designating Division of Wildlife Resource Management**

The Division of Wildlife Resource Management will provide designated hunting services to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member elders (55 years of age or older), single women, or physically disabled individuals. Requests must be made to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management, and all animals will be harvested during the regular Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting season.



## **TAGGING AND VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Tagging Requirements**

All big game must be tagged by the person who harvested the animal. The hunter must physically notch (cut) the **Month** and **Day** of harvest on the tag, and sign the permit in **Ink** immediately after harvesting the animal. The hunter must then remove the tag from its backing and affix to the carcass.

All big game animals must be securely tagged with the carcass tag prior to transportation. If numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the portion of the carcass left in camp or in a vehicle.

There is an additional "Antler Tag" attached to the carcass tag. This was developed for Tribal members to be able to have proof of legal harvest on both a set of antlers (or horns) and on a carcass if the two are separated. The antler tag should be affixed to antlers kept at a residence or brought to a taxidermist.

**Validation** is the inspection of a harvested animal and may or may not be required depending on the species or hunt type. Part of the validation process may also require the hunter obtaining a validation tag as proof of inspection prior to the hunter leaving the reservation with the harvested animal. For further information regarding validations and validation tags, please contact the DWRM within 24 hrs of harvesting an animal.

### **Validation Requirements**

Depending on the season and species hunted, validation of harvested animals may be required. Guidelines vary and are given in detail by species and hunting season below.

- Early Archery mule deer, elk, and turkey: **Mandatory Validation**
- General mule deer and elk, fall and spring turkey: **Voluntary Validation**  
Tribal member hunters are not required to have mule deer, elk or turkeys validated prior to off reservation transport. Hunters wishing to have their animals validated should make arrangements with DWRM staff during regular business hours.
- Doe mule deer and Cow elk: **Mandatory Validation Exception**  
Hunters planning to pick up a second doe tag or a second or third cow elk tags must have their does or cows validated prior to picking up additional tags.
- Mountain Lion: **Mandatory Validation**  
Validation must take place **within 24 hours** of the kill. Contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management or Southern Ute Tribal Rangers during regular business hours or contact Southern Ute Dispatch outside of regular business hours to arrange validation.
- Upland game birds, waterfowl and small game: **No Validation Required**



## **EVIDENCE OF SEX REQUIREMENTS**

Evidence of the sex of harvested mule deer, elk, wild turkeys, and mountain lions must remain *naturally attached* to carcasses while transporting animals from the field, while in camp, or until the animal is validated (if necessary). Evidence of sex for mule deer and elk include the head and/or the testicles or udder. Evidence of sex for wild turkeys is the beard (for males). For mountain lions, the reproductive organs of both males and females must be left attached for sex identification purposes.

## **GUIDING AND OUTFITTING**

Guides and outfitters must be permitted by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management before operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. To obtain a guiding and outfitting permit or to acquire a list of permitted guides and outfitters, contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management. Illegal guiding and outfitting on the reservation is a serious offense with consequences for both the hunter and the person providing the guiding or outfitting services. Please contact the Wildlife Division immediately if you suspect illegal guiding and outfitting is taking place on the reservation.

## **ACCOMPANY CROSSING PERMITS**

The Division of Wildlife Resource Management issues crossing permits to non-Southern Ute Tribal Members to accompany permitted hunters while hunting. Persons holding crossing permits may not hunt or carry a firearm of any type while accompanying a permitted hunter. **Persons holding a crossing permit may not provide specialized guiding and outfitting-type assistance to permitted hunters.** Contact the DWRM for more details on crossing permits or to have crossing permits issued.

Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are not in the immediate family of a Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter must acquire a crossing permit so that they may accompany the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member while hunting. **Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are in the immediate family of a permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter may accompany the hunter without obtaining a crossing permit.** For the purposes of accompany crossing permits, immediate family is considered a spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, son in-law, daughter in-law or legal guardian of the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter. Note that a maximum of two permittees at a time are allowed per Southern Ute hunter and the crossing permit will be valid for 30 days or until the end of the hunt season, whichever comes first. Cost for crossing permits will be \$20.00 per permittee, and each permit is valid for accompanying a single specified Tribal member hunter.

## **CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING**

The Wildlife Division implemented its Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing program in 2002. Over the life of the program, Wildlife staff collected over 1500 samples from deer and elk on the reservation without a positive result for the disease. In 2013 the Division is halting the CWD testing program as part of its regular validation process. If individual tribal members want to have their animals tested, we will accommodate them. For further information contact the Wildlife Division.



## **Southern Ute Tribal Season Dates and Bag Limits (Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members Only, unless specified)**

### Open Areas

Open areas for huntable species shall include all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. For private, assigned and allotted lands, hunters must first obtain written access permission from the landowner. For USFS lands and Navajo State Park lands contact the respective agencies for information pertaining to access restrictions.

### Closed Areas

Closed areas shall include all grounds immediately surrounding the Lake Capote Recreation Area including the campground. For precise boundaries contact the Wildlife Division.

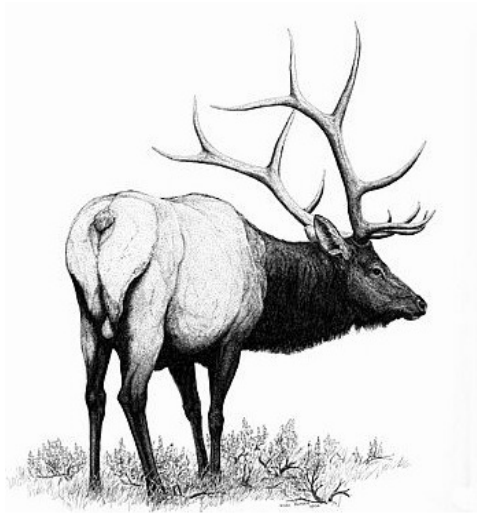
### **Mule Deer and Elk**

Season Dates: Archery: August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
General: September 14<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Permits Issued: Beginning August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Bag Limits: 3 Mule Deer (1 Buck and 2 Does\*\*)  
4 Elk (1 Bull and 3 Cows\*\*)

\*\* Tribal Members must have their first cow or doe validated to receive their second cow or doe tag and have their second cow validated to receive their third cow tag.



## 2014 January Cow Elk Hunt (SUIT members and Other Native Americans)

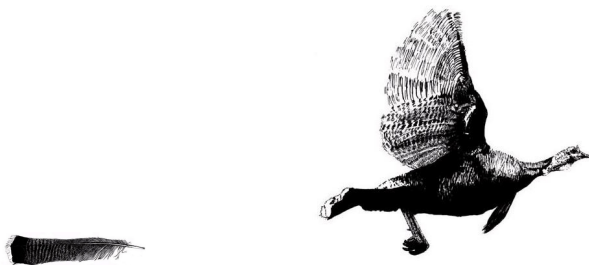
Season Dates:	January 11-19, 2014 January 11 -19, 2014	Archuleta Unit Sandoval Unit	
Permits issued:	January 10, 2014	Archuleta Unit Sandoval Unit	(60Tags) (60 Tags)
Bag Limit:	1 antlerless elk		
Permitting:	There will be 10 tags made available for Southern Ute Tribal members who would like to participate in the January Cow Elk Hunt. These tags will be available on a first come, first served basis through the end of the hunt.		

## Spring Turkey

Season Dates:	April 13 <sup>th</sup> through May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013		
Permits Issued:	Beginning April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013		
Bag Limit:	1 bearded turkey. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached		

## Fall Turkey

Season Dates:	Early Archery: August 31 <sup>st</sup> through September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 General: September 14 <sup>th</sup> through December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2013		
Permits Issued:	Beginning August 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2013		
Bag Limit:	1 Turkey (either sex)		



## Mountain Lion



Season Dates: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 through August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 or until the harvest quota is filled

Permits Issued: Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013



Bag Limit: 1 mountain lion (either sex).

Dogs: Using trained hunting dogs in the take and attempted take of mountain lions will be allowed.



Restrictions: It is unlawful to kill mountain lion kittens or female mountain lions accompanied by kittens. Kittens are defined as mountain lions exhibiting visible spotting of the fur. Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens are defined as female mountain lions that have kittens traveling with them or dependent on them.



Open Areas: Open areas for mountain lion hunting shall include all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. For private, assigned and allotted lands, hunters must first obtain written access permission from the landowner. For USFS lands and Navajo State Park lands contact the respective agencies for information pertaining to access restrictions.



Harvest Quotas: **It is the hunter's responsibility to call the harvest quota information line IMMEDIATELY BEFORE hunting to check the status of harvest quotas and hunt area closures. Call (970) 563-0130 at anytime for quota status**



Reservation-wide: 7 mountain lions total or  
4 female mountain lions

**\*\*\*The mountain lion hunting season will remain open until the season ending date or until the harvest quota is filled, whichever comes first.**

### **Crossing Permits and Guiding and Outfitting**

Non-members accompanying Tribal member lion hunters must possess a Hunter Accompany Crossing Permit, which can be purchased from the Wildlife Division. The Crossing Permit is specifically to accompany a permitted hunter while hunting on Tribal land. The permittee is expressly prohibited from carrying a firearm, or providing hunter assistance in the form of equipment, specially trained dogs, pack animals, or other similar types of hunting aids commonly provided by professional guides and outfitters.



### **Upland Game Birds Including Blue Grouse and Quail**

Season Dates: September 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Permits Issued: Beginning August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Bag Limit:

Dusky Grouse: 3 birds per day

Quail: 8 birds per day

### **Migratory Game Birds Including Doves and Band-tailed Pigeons**

Season Dates: September 1<sup>st</sup> – November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Permits Issued: Beginning August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

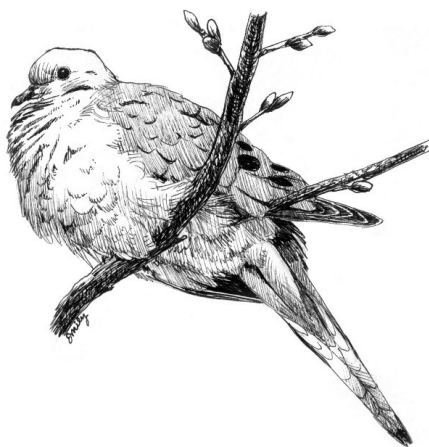
Bag Limit:

Mourning Doves: 15 birds per day

White-winged Doves: 15 per day

Band-tailed Pigeons: 5 per day

Collared Doves: Unlimited



Dogs: Using trained hunting dogs in the take and attempted take of game birds will be allowed.

### **Black Bear: NO OPEN SEASON**

## Waterfowl

Permits Issued:	August 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2013
Season Dates:	September 1 <sup>st</sup> 2013 – January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Daily Bag Limit:	<u>7 ducks and mergansers</u> including no more than 2 hen mallards, 2 pintail, 2 redheads, 3 scaup and 1 canvasback. <u>25 coots</u> <u>4 dark geese or light geese</u> <u>25 Rails (Sora or Virginia)</u> <u>8 Snipe</u>

Possession Limits: 2 daily bag limits

**\*\* Please note that all waterfowl hunters are required to purchase and possess a Federal Duck Stamp. Duck Stamps can be picked up at the Post Office.**

### Small Game (including Furbearers)

Permits may be picked up at anytime during the calendar year. The season runs year-round.

Small game shall include beaver, badger, bobcat, coyote, fox species, muskrat, prairie dogs, rabbits and hares, raccoon, ringtail, squirrel species, and weasel species.

While no bag limits apply to small game species, certain rules and regulations do apply to trapping:

### Important Regulations for Trapping:

1. Permission from assignee to trap. No person shall trap furbearers on assigned property of another without the permission of the assignee or person in charge of the property.
2. Interference with traps: It is unlawful to interfere with, disturb, remove or otherwise molest any trap, snare or other device lawfully set by a trapper, or remove any furbearer from said devices.
3. Unattended traps: It is the duty of a trapper to endeavor to prevent undue suffering by wildlife captured or trapped. It is unlawful for any person to set a trap and leave it unattended in excess of forty-eight (48) hours unless chemical or mechanical methods are provided to prevent suffering of trapped animals.



## **Additional Hunting Regulations**

A complete listing of regulations pertaining to hunting on the Southern Ute Indian reservation is contained in Title 13: Wildlife Conservation Code. Contact the DWRM for a current copy of Title 13 or visit our website: <http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/wrmweb/>. Additionally the Division has a limited number of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wildlife Laws Handbook 2008 available to Tribal hunters. Please ask about them in the Wildlife office.

### **Failure to wear Daylight or Fluorescent Orange Garments**

During the hunting season, when required by regulation, it is unlawful to hunt with a firearm unless the person hunting or guiding is wearing a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both of solid daylight fluorescent orange color, totaling five hundred (500) square inches or more of clothing. Penalties include a \$50.00 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation.

### **Failing to Tag Wildlife Properly**

It is unlawful for any person to fail to tag wildlife properly. In its simplest form tagging means to sign and punch the dates on your tag and affix it to the animal's carcass. Penalties include a \$100 fine and 10 points towards permit revocation.

### **Shooting from a Motor Vehicle**

It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from a motor vehicle to take wildlife. Penalties include a \$300 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation.

### **Wastage of Game Meat / Abandoning a Carcass**

It is unlawful to abandon any edible portion of wildlife or permit it to go to waste. Penalties for big game include a \$1,000 fine and 15 points. Other wildlife includes a \$250 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation.

Additionally it is unlawful to take any wildlife and abandon the carcass or take wildlife only for the head, claws, teeth, hide, antlers, horns, tusks, or organs with the intent to abandon the carcass or to mutilate any living wildlife. Penalties include fines ranging from \$25 - \$20,000 and 25 points towards permit revocation.

### **Closure of Lake Capote Recreation Area**

The Lake Capote Recreation Area will be closed to all hunting. Hwy 160 borders the closure area on the north and Hwy 151 on the west. The range fence directly south of the lake (running east/west) defines the southern boundary and the east boundary will follow the eastern bank of Stolsteimer Creek running north.

### **Off-road Travel on Tribal Lands**

It is unlawful to travel off of established roads and two-tracks with any vehicle while on Tribal lands. This includes ATVs. Penalties include a \$100 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation.

**Schedule of Civil Penalties Connected to Poaching Convictions on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation**

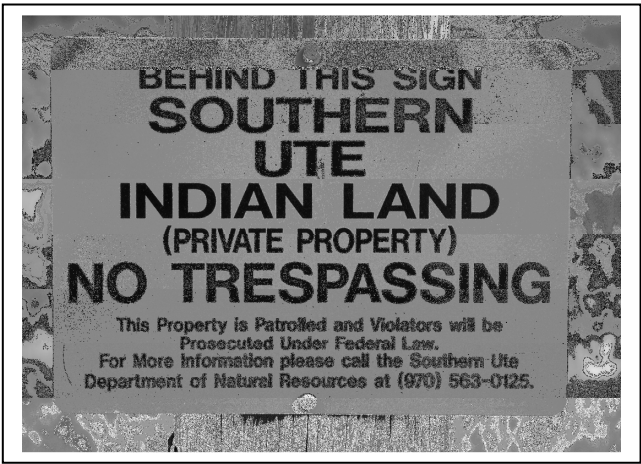
Big Game

Mule Deer	
Trophy Buck (24" or greater inside spread)	\$10,000
Buck	\$5,000
Doe	\$1,000
Elk	
Trophy Bull (6 or more point count on one antler)	\$10,000
Bull	\$5,000
Cow	\$1,000
Mountain Lion	\$5,000

\*\*Additional penalties associated with poaching convictions often include point accrual and revocation of hunting and fishing privileges on the Southern Ute Indian reservation for 2 – 5 years\*\*

Authority

These hunting regulations are approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council under authority as outlined in Title 13, Article 1, Section 13-1-106, Subsections (1) through (3); Article 2, Section 13-2-101, Subsections (1) through (5); Article 2, Section 13-2-104; Article 2, Section 13-2-105, Subsections (1) through (3); of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code revised and amended by Tribal Resolution No's. 89-34, 01-69, and 02-215.



Note the "Antler Tag" portion of the Permit! If you are separating a head from a carcass, place this tag on the antlers and the rest of the permit on the carcass. For female animals, or if you are not separating antlers from a carcass, you do not need to use this portion of the tag.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN RESERVATION HUNTING PERMIT  
ADDITIONAL CARCASS/ANTLER TAG

Date of Harvest \_\_\_\_\_

Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME	INITIAL	LAST NAME	SUFFIX	CENSUS NO.
John	E	Doe	Jr	001

SEE TAGGING  
INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK  
SIDE OF THIS TAG.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN RESERVATION HUNTING PERMIT

Hunt Type: \_\_\_\_\_ (Tribal Member)

Season Dates: 11/1/2008 To 4/5/2009

Punch out Sex of Animal, and Date of Kill:

MALE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC																			
FEMALE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

HUNT UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (IN PEN)

FIRST NAME	INITIAL	LAST NAME	SUFFIX	CENSUS NO.
John	E	Doe	Jr	001

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

123 Somewhere Lane \_\_\_\_\_ CO \_\_\_\_\_ 81137

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1/1/1980

Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

DRS LICENSE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
45	6'0"	200

EYES	HAIR
BROWN	BLACK

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct, and complies with Southern Ute Tribal Regulations. I understand that by hunting on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, I am brought in as a result of an offense under the Wildlife Conservation Act and to enforce same.

I, by this permit, intend to have committed and to enforce same.

John Doe

You MUST CUT out the Month of harvest

You MUST CUT out the Day of harvest

After you harvest any big game animal, you MUST sign your tag in ink

Affix the tag to the carcass. If making multiple trips, affix the tag to the first quarter left in camp or at your vehicle.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Any questions regarding this proclamation should be directed to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resource Management.**

